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Amendment to the Plant Quarantine Order, 2003, Relating to Wheat Imports

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Report Highlights:

On July 3, 2006, the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (GOI), issued an Order, under Clause 14(1) of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, amending the phytosanitary conditions pertaining to imports of wheat, which are scheduled to remain valid for wheat imported into India up to December 31, 2006.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes the Ministry of Agriculture Order under Clause 14(1) of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, amending the phytosanitary conditions pertaining to imports of wheat, which are scheduled to remain valid for wheat to be imported into India up to December 31, 2006.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** July 3, 2006
- **Effective Date:** July 3, 2006
- **Time period for receiving Comments/Suggestions:** Not Applicable
- **Date Notified to the WTO:** Not notified

Products Affected: Imported Wheat

Agency in Charge: Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI.

Proposed Major Changes:

Quote

Wheat grains for consumption and processing shall be allowed to be imported into India up to 31.12.2006 in accordance with the following conditions: -

- (i) The wheat consignment would be required to be certified to be free from Granary weevil (*Sitophilus granaries*).
- (ii) The wheat consignment would be required to be certified to contain less than 0.01% Ergot (*Claviceps purpurea*) w/w.
- (iii) The wheat consignment would be required to be certified to contain less than 0.005% Dwarf bunt (*Tilletia contraversa*)
- (iv) The wheat consignment would be required to be certified to contain less than average of 100 quarantine weed seeds, as per Schedule VIII of this Order, per 200 kg of samples drawn as per the prescribed procedure.
- (v) The wheat consignment would be required to be fumigated with Methyl Bromide @32 g/cu m at 21⁰ C and above for 24 hours under Normal Atmospheric Pressure and the treatment endorsed on the Phytosanitary Certificate OR the wheat consignment would be required to be fumigated with Aluminium Phosphide @ 40g/1000 cu ft for a period of at least 21 days prior to arrival into India provided the ship hold has provision for post re-circulation of phosphine gas during the period of transit.

End quote

The notification is available at:

www.plantquarantineindia.org/pdf/files/wheat%20import%20relaxation%203%5b1%5d.7.2006.pdf

For More Information: See the Plant Quarantine Organization of India web site:

www.plantquarantineindia.org

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